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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 345 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$468.
 - **\$468** for **52** total claims over 20.
- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Georges Belfort, David Wood
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 878.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Marlene BELFORT et al.

Serial No. : 09/641,808

Filing Date : August 17, 2000

For : GENETIC SYSTEM AND SELF-CLEAVING INTEINS DERIVED
THEREFROM, BIOSEPARATIONS AND PROTEIN PURIFICATION
EMPLOYING SAME, AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING CRITICAL,
GENERALIZABLE AMINO ACID RESIDUES FOR VARYING INTEIN
ACTIVITY

Examiner : To Be Assigned

Art Unit : 1634

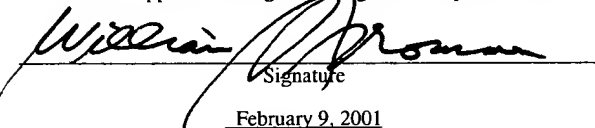


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February 9, 2001

Date of Signature

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF NON[PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 2023

Dear Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION, mailed
October 23, 2000, enclosed are the Declarations For Patent Application And Powers of Attorney
executed by Georges Belfort and David Wood, a copy of the aforementioned Notice, a check for

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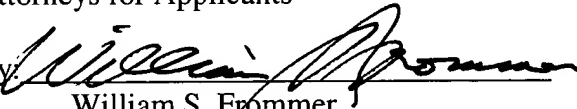
\$65.00 to cover the required surcharge fee, a check in the amount of \$195.00 to cover the cost of a two-month extension of time in the term set by the Notice to file this declaration, and a check in the amount of \$468.00 to cover the cost of the 52 additional claims in excess of 20, as set out in this Notice.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of the period for response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Application, mailed October 23, 2000, i.e., up to and including February 23, 2001. Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Also enclosed are two Verified Statements claiming small entity status executed by Georges Belfort and David Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encs. - Two Declarations and Powers of Attorney
- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts
- Two Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status